

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 589

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. James E. Williams
on the celebration of their 50th wedding
anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those
successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and
future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1950, in Rossville, Georgia, James E. Williams and Georgia
Purcell were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has
faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys
and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Williams have been highly respected citizens of the
Hartsville community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they
always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, James, affectionately known as "Big Red" to his many friends, was a
longtime farmer and the co-owner of Hartsville Motors; and

WHEREAS, successful businesspersons, "Big Red" and Georgia opened Williams
Grocery on February 12, 1965; many years later the Williamses converted their grocery into a
liquor store, East End Liquors, which after many years of prosperity, they sold; and

WHEREAS, the success of the grocery store spurred the Williamses to open the only motel in Trousdale County in 1967. The Williams Motel has been expanded and renovated over the years. The older part of the motel, now being used as efficiency apartments, was sold with the property of the liquor store next door, but the Williamses kept the expansion and retained ownership of the motel; and

WHEREAS, "Big Red" is an avid NASCAR fan; he has only missed one race at the Daytona 500 over the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, a devoted gardener, Georgia has the "Green Thumb" of the family, and for many years had a greenhouse of her own in which she grew flowers and plants for family and friends; her yummy baked goods and regal hostess qualities are almost as renowned as her gift for the garden; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Williams children are Mike Williams, husband of Lisa; Beth Williams; and Keith Williams; and

WHEREAS, the Williamses are also the proud grandparents of their two grandchildren: Tiffany Williams and April Holder, wife of Eric Holder, and their two great-grandchildren, Sierra Holder and Seth Holder; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, as faithful members of the First Baptist Church in Hartsville, the Williamses are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Williamses' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever-changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. James E. Williams of Hartsville on the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.